Some SHORT and PLAIN

ARGUMENTS

FROM

SCRIPTURE

Evidently proving the

DIVINITY of OUR SAVIOUR.

Search the Scriptures, for in them ye think ye have eternal life, and they are they which teſtify of me. JOHN V. 39.

All things that are read in Holy Scripture, we muſt hearken to with great diligence and attention, for our inſtruction and ſalvation; but thoſe things more eſpecially ſhould we endeavour to retain, and keep in memory, which make moſt againſt Hereticks; whoſe deceits ceaſe not to circumvent and beguile all the weaker ſort and the more negligent perſons.

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PREFACE.

THAT all our hopes of Pardon and Salvation depend upon that Redemption which is wrought out for us by Chriſt; and that our certain aſſurance of this depends on a firm Belief of his Divinity, and his being manifeſted in the Fleſh for our ſake, hath been ſhewn and fully made out in many excellent Treatiſes; in which it hath been proved, to the confuſion of Gainſayers, that, to deny our Saviour's True and Proper Divinity, would alter the very Foundations of Chriſtianity, as well as weaken all the powerful arguments drawn from

the exceeding great Love and Condeſcenſion of our Bleſſed Lord, which are the peculiar motives of the Goſpel.

But ſince men of corrupt minds, and deſtitute of the Truth, are unwearied in their attempts againſt it; ſince they are ſo far alienated from the Life of God, as to deny the Lord that bought them; and no reverence for the word of God can reſtrain them from venting their hard ſpeeches to the ſubverting of the hearers; it is thought fit to furniſh the meaner ſort with ſome Proofs from Scripture which evidently ſhew the Divinity of our Lord and Saviour Jeſus Chriſt, who, notwithſtanding his acknowledged Inferiority to the Father in regard to his Human Nature, and in regard to his taking upon him the Office of a Mediator, is one God with the Father, that is, *He, together with the Father and the Holy Ghoſt,*

is

is the One, Eternal, Almighty, Supreme God.

The following ſhort Specimen is deſigned for the uſe of plain and ſincere Chriſtians who have not time to read large Treatiſes, nor care to puzzle themſelves with needleſs, intricate Diſputes, but are willing to have a ſhort, if it be a full, Proof of the Truth as it is in Jeſus, and to reſt their Faith on what they find in their Bibles.

Abundant other Teſtimonies may be alledged from Holy Scripture evidencing the ſame Truth: theſe, I have choſen, are but ſome few out of many, ſuch as might beſt be brought into a ſhort compaſs, and were eaſieſt to be underſtood, and had, for the moſt part, a viſible connection with each other.

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The ſmall time and pains it will take up to read and conſider them, it is to be hoped, will invite every honeſt and well-diſpoſed Chriſtian to weigh the force of ſuch ſtrong evidences, and ſo far imprint them in his memory, as to make him hold faſt the Profeſſion of his Faith without wavering, and be proof againſt ſuch ſubtilties and diſtinctions, as have been invented with deſign to evade and caſt an obſcurity upon plain words. For, according to the plain and natural ſignification of words, the Perſon, who took human nature upon him for our Redemption, was God from all Eternity; his Eternal Power and Godhead is as evident from Scripture as his Humanity. Our Lord Jeſus Chriſt is perfect God as well as perfect man: His Office and Character, in reſpect to us, implies and preſuppoſes it.

If this ſhort Specimen may be thought of any ſervice in the point, it is what the Author intended, and was his ſole view in Publiſhing it. Should he find it to have the deſired effect, he may poſſibly be induced to draw up a Second and a Third Series of Arguments in the ſame manner.

May the God of all Grace, who hath called us unto his eternal Glory by Chriſt Jeſus,—— make you perfect, ſtabliſh, ſtrengthen, ſettle you. To him be Glory and Dominion for ever and ever. Amen.

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FROM

SCRIPTURE, &c.

ARGUMENT I.

HE who is the Word that was made Fleſh, and dwelt among us, was in the beginning with God, and was God.

[*John* i. 1. In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.]

But our Lord Jeſus Chriſt is the Word that was made Fleſh, and dwelt among us.

[1 *Tim.* iii. 16. God was manifeſt in the Fleſh. *Rev.* xix. 13. And his Name is called the Word of God. *John* i. 14. The Word was made Fleſh, and dwelt among us. 1 *John* i. 1, 2. And our hands have handled of the Word of Life. For the Life was manifeſted, and we have ſeen it, and bear witneſs, and ſhew unto you, that eternal Life which was with the Father, and was manifeſted unto us. *John* i. 14. And we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only-begotten of the Father.]

Therefore our Lord Jeſus Chriſt was in the beginning with God, and was God.

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ARGUMENT II.

HE, by whom, and for whom, all things were created, is evidently God.

[*Gen.* i. 1. In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth. *Heb.* iii. 4. He that built all things is God. *Prov.* xvi. 4. The LORD hath made all things for himſelf.]

But our Lord Jeſus Chriſt is he, by whom, and for whom, all things were created.

[*Coloſſ.* i. 16. For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, viſible and inviſible, whether they be thrones or dominions, or principalities or powers, all things were created by him, and for him. 1 *Cor.* viii. 6. One Lord Jeſus Chriſt, by whom are all things, and we by him. *John* i. 2, 3. The ſame was in the beginning with God. All things were made by him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. *Heb.* i. 10. And

thou, Lord, in the beginning haſt laid the foundation of the earth, and the heavens are the works of thine hands.]

Therefore our Lord Jeſus Chriſt is evidently God.

ARGUMENT III.

HE, who preſerveth and upholdeth all things by the word of his Power, is the Lord our God.

[*Nehem.* ix. 6. Thou, even thou, art LORD alone; thou haſt made heaven, the heaven of heavens, with all their hoſt; the earth, and all things that are therein; the ſeas, and all that is therein; and thou preſerveſt them all, and the hoſt of heaven worſhippeth thee.]

But our Lord Jeſus Chriſt preſerveth and upholdeth all things by the word of his Power.

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[*Col.* i. 17. And he is before all things, and by him all things conſiſt. *Heb.* i. 3. Upholding all things by the word of his power.]

Therefore our Lord Jeſus Chriſt is the Lord our God.

ARGUMENT IV.

He, who is as really the Proprietor of all things as the Father himſelf is, is Supreme God.

[1 *Chron.* xxix. 11, 12, 13. Thine, O LORD, is the greatneſs, and the power, and the glory, and the victory, and the majeſty; for all that is in the heaven, and in the earth, is thine: thine is the kingdom, O LORD, and thou art exalted as head above all. Both riches and honour come of thee, and thou reigneſt over all; and in thine hand is power and might; and in thine hand it is to make great, and to give ſtrength unto all. Now therefore, our God, we thank

thank thee, and praiſe thy glorious name.]

But our Lord Jeſus Chriſt is as really the Proprietor of all things, as the Father himſelf is.

[*John* xvi. 15. All things that the Father hath are mine: *And* xvii. 10. All mine are thine, and thine are mine, and I am glorified in them.]

Therefore our Lord Jeſus Chriſt is Supreme God.

ARGUMENT V.

He, who is above all, he who is over all, God Bleſſed for ever, is Supreme God.

[1 *Chron.* xxix. 11. Thine is the kingdom, O LORD, and thou art exalted as head above all— 12. And thou reigneſt over all— *Dan.* iv. 34. And I bleſſed the Moſt High, and I praiſed and honoured him, that liveth for ever.]

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Our Lord Jeſus Chriſt is above all, he is over all, God Bleſſed for ever.

[*John* iii. 31. He that cometh from heaven, is above all. *Acts* x. 36. He is Lord of all. *Rom.* ix. 5. Who is over all, God Bleſſed for ever. *Amen.*]

Therefore our Lord Jeſus Chriſt is Supreme God.

ARGUMENT VI.

He, whoſe Glory *Iſaiah* ſaw, *c.* vi. 1---11. is Supreme God.

[*Iſai.* vi. 1—3. I ſaw alſo the LORD ſitting upon a throne, high and lifted up; and his train filled the Temple. Above it ſtood the ſeraphims: each one had ſix wings; with twain he covered his face, and with twain he covered his feet, and with twain he did fly. And one cried unto another, and ſaid, Holy, holy, holy is the LORD

LORD of Hoſts, the whole earth is full of his glory.

It was the Glory of our Lord Jeſus Chriſt, which *Iſaiah* ſaw.

[*John* xii. 41. Theſe things, ſaid *Eſaias*, when he ſaw his glory, and ſpake of him.]

Therefore our Lord Jeſus Chriſt is Supreme God.

ARGUMENT VII.

He, who is the Huſband of the Church, is Supreme God.

[*Iſai.* liv. 5. For thy Maker is thine Huſband (the LORD of hoſts is his Name) and thy Redeemer, the holy one of *Iſrael*, the God of the whole earth ſhall he be called. *Hoſea* ii. 19, 20. And I will betroth thee unto me for ever; yea, I will betroth thee unto me in righteouſneſs, and in judgment, and in loving kindneſs, and in mercies. I will even betroth thee unto me in faithfulneſs, and thou ſhalt know the LORD. (*And* ver. 16.)

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And it ſhall be at that day, ſaith the LORD, that thou ſhalt call me Iſhi, *which is, being interpreted, my Huſband.*]

The Lord Jeſus Chriſt is the Huſband of the Church.

[*John* iii. 29. He that hath the Bride is the Bridegroom. *Rev.* xxi. 9. The Bride, the Lamb's wife. *Rev.* xxi. 2—prepared as a Bride adorned for her Huſband. *Eph.* v. 32. This is a great myſtery, but I ſpeak concerning Chriſt and the Church. 2 *Cor.* xi. 2. For I have eſpouſed you to one Huſband, that I may preſent you as a chaſte virgin to Chriſt.]

Therefore the Lord Jeſus Chriſt is Supreme God.

ARGUMENT VIII.

He, who is ſtiled in the Scriptures the Lord of Hoſts, is Supreme God.

[*Pſ.* lxxxix. 6, 7, 8. For who in the heaven can be compared unto the

LORD? Who among the ſons of the mighty can be likened unto the LORD? God is greatly to be feared in the aſſembly of the Saints; and to be had in reverence of all them that are about him. O LORD God of Hoſts, who is a ſtrong God like unto thee? *Jer.* x. 16. The portion of Jacob is not like them: for he is the former of all things, and Iſrael is the rod of his inheritance; the LORD of Hoſts is his name. *Iſai.* xlviii. 2. For they call themſelves of the Holy City, and ſtay themſelves upon the God of Iſrael, the LORD of Hoſts is his Name. *Iſai.* li. 15. I am the LORD thy God, that divided the ſea, whoſe waves roared: the LORD of Hoſts is his Name.]

But the Lord Jeſus Chriſt is ſtiled in the Scriptures the Lord of Hoſts.

[*Iſai.* vi. 5. For mine eyes have ſeen the King, the LORD of Hoſts. (*John* xii. 41. Theſe things, ſaid Eſaias, when he ſaw his Glory, and ſpake of him.) *Iſai.* viii. 13, 14. Sanctify the LORD of Hoſts himſelf, and let him be your fear, and let him be your dread. And he

he ſhall be for a Sanctuary; but for a ſtone of ſtumbling, and for a rock of offence to both the Houſes of Iſrael; *and* xxviii. 16. Behold, I lay in Zion for a foundation, a ſtone, a tried ſtone, a precious corner-ſtone, a ſure foundation, &c. *Which Paſſages are expounded of the Lord Jeſus Chriſt, by St.* Paul, *and by St.* Peter. By St. *Paul, Rom.* ix. 32, 33. For they ſtumbled at that ſtumbling-ſtone, as it is written, Behold, I lay in Sion a ſtumbling-ſtone, and rock of offence. *And by St.* Peter, 1 *Pet.* ii. 6. *and* 8. Wherefore alſo it is contained in the Scripture, Behold, I lay in Sion a chief corner-ſtone, elect, precious: and he that believeth on him ſhall not be confounded. And a ſtone of ſtumbling, and a rock of offence, even to them which ſtumble at the word, being diſobedient.]

Therefore the Lord Jeſus Chriſt is Supreme God.

ARGUMENT IX.

HE, whoſe Oath is mentioned, *Iſaiah* xlv. 23. is Supreme God.

[*Iſai.* xlv. 22, 23. Look unto me, and be ye ſaved, all the ends of the earth; for I am God, and there is none elſe. I have ſworn by myſelf, the word is gone out of my mouth in righteouſneſs, and ſhall not return; that unto me every knee ſhall bow, every tongue ſhall ſwear.]

But the Lord Jeſus Chriſt is he, whoſe Oath is there mentioned.

[*Rom.* xiv. 10, 11—We ſhall all ſtand before the Judgment-ſeat of Chriſt: For it is written, As I live, ſaith the Lord, every knee ſhall bow to me, and every tongue ſhall confeſs to God.]

Therefore the Lord Jeſus Chriſt is Supreme God.

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ARGUMENT X.

THE Judge of the World is Supreme God.

[*Gen.* xviii. 25. Shall not the Judge of all the earth do right? *Pſalm* l. 6. And the Heavens ſhall declare his righteouſneſs, for God is Judge himſelf.]

But our Lord Jeſus Chriſt is the Judge of the World.

[*Rom.* xiv. 10—For we ſhall all ſtand before the Judgment-ſeat of Chriſt. 2 *Tim.* iv. 1—The Lord Jeſus Chriſt, who ſhall judge the quick and the dead at his appearing. *Tit.* ii. 13--- the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jeſus Chriſt. *Jude* 14, 15. Behold, the Lord cometh, with ten thouſands of his Saints, to execute Judgment upon all—]

Therefore our Lord Jeſus Chriſt is Supreme God.

ARGUMENT XI.

HE, who elects perſons to Grace and Glory, is Supreme God.

[*Pſal.* lxxxiv. 11. The LORD will give Grace and Glory. *Rom.* viii. 30--- Whom he did predeſtinate, them he alſo called; and whom he called, them he alſo juſtified; and whom he juſtified, them he alſo glorified-- *And ver.* 33. Who ſhall lay any thing to the charge of God's elect? It is God that juſtifieth.]

The Lord Jeſus Chriſt elects perſons to Grace and Glory.

[*John* i. 16--- Of his fulneſs have we all received, and Grace for Grace. 2 *Tim.* i. 9. Who hath ſaved us, and called us with an holy calling. *Rom.* i. 6. Among whom are ye alſo the called of Jeſus Chriſt. 2 *Pet.* i. 3. Through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue. *John* xiii. 18. (Our Saviour ſaith) I ſpeak not of you all, I know whom I have

have choſen. *John* xv. 19. Becauſe ye are not of the World, but I have choſen you out of the world. *Matt.* xxiv. 31. And he ſhall ſend his Angels with a great ſound of a Trumpet, and they ſhall gather together his elect---]

Therefore the Lord Jeſus Chriſt is Supreme God.

ARGUMENT XII.

HE, who is one with God the Father, in Power, Honour, and Glory, is Supreme God.

[*Pſal.* lxii. 11. Power belongeth unto God. *Iſai.* xlii. 8. I am the LORD, that is my Name, and my Glory will I not give to another. 1 *Tim.* i. 17. Now unto the King eternal, immortal, inviſible, the only wiſe God, be honour and glory, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The Lord Jeſus Chriſt is One with God the Father, in Power, Honour, and Glory.

[*John*

[*John* x. 30. I and my Father are one. *Rev.* v. 13. Bleſſing, Honour, Glory, and Power be unto him that ſitteth upon the Throne, and unto the Lamb for ever and ever: *and Titus* ii. 13. *He is ſtiled* the Great God; *and Iſai.* ix. 6. The mighty God.]

Therefore the Lord Jeſus Chriſt is Supreme God.

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